GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7482
ANSWERED ON:16.05.2002
FIRE IN PASCHIM EXPRESS
MOHAN RAWALE

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a bogie of the Paschim Express bound for Amritsar from Mumbai caught fire in February, 2002;

(b) if so, the number of casualties took place in the incident;

(c) whether any inquiry has been conducted into the incident; and

(d) if so, the findings of the inquiry?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIST RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a): Yes, Sir. On 5.2.2002 at about 12.10 hrs. 2925 Dn Bandra Terminus-Amritsar Paschim Express while on run between Goregaon and Malad stations on Churchgate-Virar suburban section of Mumbai Division, luggage portion of middle Second Class Luggage and Guard Brake Van (SLR) caught fire. The train was stopped at Malad station and fire was extinguished with the help of fire brigade.

(b): There was no casualty or injuries in this incident.

(c) & (d): As per findings of the report, this incident occurred due to accidental ignition in the rear luggage compartment due to inadvertent throwing of a match stick/cigarette/bidi butt by some unknown person.